

CLACTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.The Chairman and Members of the Clacton Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my twentieth Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the District for the year 1940.

The year has been the most exceptional in the history of the District and a most difficult one for all concerned in the work of its Government. During the first quarter of the year Clacton was a reception area and had to carry out all the extra duties which this entailed, during the second quarter it became a neutral area, and finally finished up in June as an evacuation area with only one fifth of its normal population left. A certain number, however, had returned by the end of the year; the estimated population then being about 7,000. The number of inhabited houses cannot be stated with any degree of accuracy and the sum represented by a penny rate is also uncertain. Like the report for 1939, that for 1940 will deal only with a few of the more essential matters leaving most of the records and statistics to be dealt with in a more comprehensive report at the end of the War.

Area (acres)	6,470
No. of Inhabited Houses	Uncertain
Rateable Value	£296,141
Sum represented by a penny rate	About £300
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	16,680

Ages at Death from all Causes.
(Local Registrar)

Under 1 year	5
1 year and under	2
2 " " " 5 "	1
5 " " " 15 "	-
15 " " " 25 "	4
25 " " " 45 "	18
45 " " " 65 "	50
65 years and upwards	168
Total	248

Infant Mortality.

There were 5 infants deaths registered in the district 2 from Broncho Pneumonia, 2 from Congenital Heart Disease, and 1 from Premature Birth.

With the exception of a number of cases of Cerebro-spinal Fever in the early part of the year, all of whom recovered, there was no unusual incidence of disease or of conditions affecting the public health.

General Provision of Health Services.

There are several changes to record in the Public Health Staff. Mr. Shadick who had been Sanitary Inspector for many years died at the end of 1930. Mr. Harfolt, clerk in the Public Health Department joined the force and we obtained a temporary lady clerk who left in June so that we had no clerical assistance during the latter half of the year. The Dentist, Dr. J. H. Massey, Miss. Mason, also left. The staff consists of a part time Medical Officer, a full time Sanitary Inspector, and a closed, box staff of nurses being reduced to two who were taken over by the Essex County Council for District Work.

Table of the Causes of Death.

	M	F
Respiratory Tuberculosis	5	3
Other Tuberculosis	-	1
Syphilitic Diseases	1	-
Influenza	12	6
Acute Encephalitis	-	1
Cancer of Uterus	-	1
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	3	3
Cancer of Breast	-	5
Cancer of other sites	9	7
Diabetes	2	1
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	10	9
Heart Disease	29	34
Other Circulatory Diseases	6	9
Bronchitis	8	6
Pneumonia	6	3
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach	3	-
Other Digestive Diseases	1	4
Nephritis	2	3
Puerperal Sepsis	-	1
Congenital Defects & Premature Birth	2	1
Suicide	1	3
Road Traffic Accidents	1	1
Other Violent Deaths	9	3
All Other Causes	17	13
	128	119
Isolation Hospital	10	

The Birth Rate for the year was 12.5, the Death Rate (Crude) 14.8 and corrected 11.1, and the Infant Mortality Rate 25 per 1,000 live births, There were 5 still births.

	Age	Sex	Cur	Remain	Death	High	No	Corrected	Infant
1st. Quarter	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2
2nd. Quarter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3rd. Quarter	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
4th. Quarter	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	15	-	15	3	2	1	2	15	2

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Other Tuberculosis	--	1
Myxomatous Diseases	1	1
Influenza	12	1
Acute Encephalitis	--	1
Cancer of Uterus	--	1
Cancer of Stomach and Intestine	2	2
Cancer of Breast	--	2
Cancer of Other sites	2	2
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Other Digestive Diseases	1	1
Nephritis	2	2
Periparturient Septic	--	1
Constitutional Defects & Premature Birth	2	1
Scabies	1	1
Road Traffic Accidents	1	1
Other Violent Deaths	2	2
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The birth rate for the year was 12.6, the death rate 1.0, and the infant mortality rate 22 per 1,000 live births. There were 8 still births.

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Infectious Disease 1940.

Disease	Total Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.
Small Pox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	5	2	-
Diphtheria	4	4	-
Enteric Fever	2	2	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	2	-
Pneumonia	5	4	18
Erysipelas	7	-	-
Chicken Pox	21	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever	9	9	-
Measles	12	2	-

Isolation Hospital 1940.

	Adm mi ted	Di ed	Cur ed	Remain ing in Hospital	Scarl et Fe ver	Diph th eria	Me abl es	Cerebro spinal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia
1st. Quarter	9	-	6	3	1	3	2	3	-
2nd. Quarter	5	-	6	2	1	1	-	1	2
3rd. Quarter	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
4th. Quarter	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	15	-	15	5	2	4	2	5	2

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Pharyngeal Pyrexia	2	2	-
Pneumonia	3	4	12
Erysipelas	7	-	-
Chicken Pox	21	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever	5	3	-
Measles	12	2	-

Isolation Hospital 1940.

Isolation Hospital	Admitted	Remaining in Hospital	Deaths	Deaths	Deaths	Deaths	Deaths
1st. Quarter	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
2nd. Quarter	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
3rd. Quarter	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
4th. Quarter	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	12	12	4	4	4	4	4

Tuberculosis - New Cases and Mortality during 1940

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
25	2	3	-	-	1	1	-	-
35	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
45	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
55	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-
Totals	4	8	1	3	6	3	-	-

Of above, 4 left the District, 9 had treatment in Hospital or Sanatorium.

The total number of cases of Tuberculosis of all forms on the register at the end of the year was :-

A Pulmonary Tuberculosis		
(1) Male		10
(2) Female		21
B Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis		
(1) Male		3
(2) Female		8

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The total number on the register is less than usual the reason being that a certain amount of evacuation took place among the tuberculous who are normally resident in the District.

No action was required under the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act 1936.

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Infectious Disease (cont)

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Immunisation.

I Diphtheria.

During 1939 a number of cases of Diphtheria occurred among the inmates of Groom's Orphanage spread over the later part of the year. I therefore decided that the introduction of immunisation offered the best means of stamping it out. The Governors of the institution readily agreed and we were fortunate in obtaining the assistance of Dr. Peter Martin of the Colchester Subsidiary Laboratory, who carried out an extensive investigation and inoculated all the inmates.

In the spring inoculation against diphtheria was offered to the children attending the Welfare Centre and some of the younger school children, the work being carried out by the Medical Officer of Health at the Welfare Centre, but it had no sooner got under way than it was cut short by an extensive evacuation of the population. It was resumed again in the autumn when some had returned. The method of treatment adopted during 1940 was that all children received .1 c.c. of A.P.T. for the first dose, and .5 c.c. of A.P.T. for a second dose with a four weeks interval between the injections. No schick tests were carried out. A form of consent signed by a parent is required in all cases and full records are kept.

The number of children treated during 1940, including those done at Grooms Orphanage was :-

Groom's Orphanage	114
Welfare Centre	94
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In addition to the above fully immunised cases 82 received a first dose in December making a total of 290 treated during the year.

II Typhoid Fever.

Having regard to the possibility of contamination of the water supply as a result of enemy action, it was deemed advisable to offer immunisation against typhoid fever to the A.R.P. personnel and such others of the public as desired this protection.

The following availed themselves of these facilities.

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Others	29
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Inoculation.

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The number of children treated during 1940, including those born at Groom's Orphanage was:-

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Welfare Centre	24
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A.R.P. personnel	48
Others	29
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Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1 Water Supply.

The total quantity of water supplied during the year was 223,965,000 gallons a decrease of 22.4% on the figure for the previous year. The water was obtained from the following sources :-

Tendring Hundred Waterworks Co.	145,664,000
Great Bently Well	78,301,000
	<u>223,965,000 gallons</u>

The water was maintained at full pressure, and there were no restrictions. Samples taken from the sources and from mains in the Town showed that the supply was of a high degree of bacterial purity. There were no extensions to the mains during the year, but larger mains to replace small old ones were laid in the following roads :-

Marine Parade	558 yards
Beach Road	118 "
Holland Road	230 "

2 Sewerage and Drainage.

The Surveyor reports that owing to the restriction on expenditure because of the war, no new work was commenced during the year.

About 280 yards of surface water sewerage was laid in Wereford Road and 175 yards in Holland Main Road under the contract in hand for the making up of roads in the Eastern part of Holland-on-Sea.

Over 1,000 yards of sewers were laid as part of the Western Drainage Scheme Contract (First Portion) including the 24 inch and 51 inch sea outfalls and the 51 inch pipe line between West Road and the sea wall bordering the golf course. It is intended that this portion of the scheme designed as a storm outfall in the complete scheme, shall operate for the time being as a foul sewer outfall to relieve the pressure on the existing sewerage system.

The constructional portion of the settlement tanks and sludge digestion scheme at Holland Haven Sewage Works is practically complete and part of the pumps and other machinery has already been installed.

Closet Accommodation.

Number of Privies in Clacton	N11
Number of Pail Closets	1117
Number of Cesspools	482
Number of Wells	26
Number of houses with Cesspools and Wells	35
Number of Pail Closets converted	N11
Number of Cesspools abolished	2
Number of premises re drained and connected to Public Sewer	2

The total quantity of water supplied during the year was 1,000,000 gallons. The water was obtained from the following sources:-

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Work of the Sanitary Department.

The following is a synopsis of the principal work carried out by the Sanitary Department during the past year :-

Eradications of Bed Bugs.

(a)	Number of Council Houses inspected	0
"	" " " " disinested	0
"	" " other houses inspected	11
"	" " " " disinested	11
	Number of private houses disinested	
	by private contractor (Hydrogen Cyanides)	0
	Number of private houses disinested	
	by private contractor (Insecticides)	0
	Total Houses disinested.	11

In addition, 2 houses disinested Lice
2 " " Fleas

Methods Employed.

(b) Stripping of skirting etc., where necessary, spraying with insecticides, fumigation with sulphur candle and other special fumigators. Steam disinfection of bedding.

(c) No action has been required so far in respect of removal of tenants to council houses

(d) The work has been carried out by Local Authority and by private contractor (See above)

Sanitary Administration.

Special Visits	2704
Special Visits re nuisances	239
Re-inspections, Ordinary	248
Re-inspections, Housing	61
Interviews with Owners, Builders etc.,	78
Piggeries inspected	18
Stables inspected	12
Smoke Observations	-
Cinemas inspected	-
Celluloid Regulations inspections	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	16
Preliminary Notices served	66
Statutory Notices served	2
Letters to Owners re nuisances	36
Premises at which nuisances abated: General	81
Premises at which nuisances abated: Housing	24
Improvements following Preliminary Notices	100
Improvements following Statutory Notices	1
Improvements without Notices	71

Infectious Disease.

6 cases Cerebro-Spinal Fever
2 cases Diphtheria
2 cases Scarlet Fever

45 rooms, bedding etc., disinested
32 lots bedding steam disinested
2 lots clothing steam disinested

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Summary of the Report

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Conclusions and Recommendations

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Infectious Diseases (cont)

4,000 blankets disinfected A.M.P.C.
9 Lots bedding disinfected A.M.P.C.
31 library books disinfected
1 library book destroyed
9 A.R.P. Vehicles disinfected

Milk and Dairies Orders.

16 Samples of Accredited Milk were submitted to the Bacterologist for examination.

of these, 5 samples of Accredited Milk failed to comply with prescribed conditions.

16 Samples of Ordinary Milk were submitted to the Bacterologist for examination as to the general cleanliness and the presence or otherwise of B. Coli.

Of these, 7 samples were unsatisfactory in as much as they gave positive B. Coli results.

1 Sample of Pasteurised Milk submitted for examination.

1 Sample of T.T. Milk submitted for examination

All except two of the producers in this area hold Accredited Licences.

There has been little cause for complaint in connection with production and distribution.

Water Analysis and Examination.

Samples taken :-

13 from Great Bently Pumping Station
7 from Town Supply

All the samples were found to be wholesome in character and suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

Meat and Food Inspection.

The following visits were made :-

Slaughterhouse	261
Butchers Shops	174
Restaurant Kitchens	2
Hawkers Premises	5

Inspected :-

410 carcasses of Beef and Offal
33 carcasses of Pork and Offal
1211 carcasses of Mutton and Offal
174 carcasses of Veal and Offal

All the slaughtering for this area is carried out at the Government Slaughterhouse, Old Road.

Co-operation by the Government Officials has resulted in smooth working and absence of friction.

Meat and Food Inspection (cont.)

The following were found to be diseased, unfit for human food and destroyed.

Tubercular.

41 Beasts Lungs	3 Carcases Beef and Offal
13 Beasts Mesenteric Fats	2 Beasts Spleens
10 Beasts Livers	1 Beasts Heart
3 Beasts Heads	1 Pigs Lungs and Heart.

Other Diseases.

37 Beasts Livers	7 Beasts Lungs
2 Beasts Heads	2 carcasses Beef and Offal
1 Beasts Spleen	1 Beasts Skirt
4 Sets Tripe	5 Pigs Mesenteric Fats
1 Pigs Liver	1 Pigs Pluck
1 Pigs Lungs and Heart	1 Pigs Forehock
1 Leg Pork	26 Sheeps Livers
3 Legs Lamb	2 Shoulders Lamb
1 Sheeps Kidney	2 lbs Beef Trimmings

7 tins Fruit, 2 tins Vegetables, 5 tins Fish, 3 tinned Hams, 1 Gammon, 1 tin Corned Beef, 2 boxes Calves Sweetbreads (23 lbs Each) 2 bags Ox Sweetbreads (30 lbs each)

Public Cleansing.

Owing to evacuation of the civil population the amount of refuse for collection and disposal was considerably reduced. Refuse from Military Establishments and other Billets is received at the Disposal Works. Salvage work has been intensified with satisfactory results.

A total 2624 tons of refuse was collected at a net cost of approximately £1412 including depreciation and loan charges. Income from Trade Refuse was £105.

Collection is by rear loading mechanical vehicles. Disposal is by incineration and controlled tipping. 2851 tons were dealt with at a net cost of £850.

Income from the sale of Salvaged Material, clinker etc., was £450, Waste Paper, £434.

Port Sanitary Regulations.

No action was required during the year.

Anti-Natal Clinics.

There were 244 expectant mothers on the register during the year and they made 275 attendances at the Doctor's clinics, and 300 attendances at the Anti-Natal Clinics.

Infant Clinics.

The attendances made by children under 5 years of age were 3,219.

Meat and Food Inspection (cont.)

The following were found to be diseased, unfit for human food and destroyed.

Tubercular.

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13 Beasts Mesenteric Fats	3 Beasts Spleens
10 Beasts Livers	1 Beasts Heart
3 Beasts Heads	1 Pigs Lungs and Heart

Other Diseases.

27 Beasts Livers	7 Beasts Lungs
3 Beasts Heads	3 Carcasses Beef and Offal
1 Beasts Spleen	1 Beasts Skirt
4 Beasts Typh	3 Pigs Mesenteric Fats
1 Pigs Liver	1 Pigs Pinch
1 Pigs Lungs and Heart	1 Pigs Forehook
1 Leg Pork	23 Sheep Livers
3 Legs Lamb	2 Shoulders Lamb
1 Sheep Kidney	2 lbs Beef Trimings

7 tins Fruit, 2 tins Vegetables, 5 tins Pick, 3 tinned Beans, 1 Gammon, 1 tin Corned Beef, 2 boxes Gutter Sweetbread (23 lbs each) 2 bags Ox Sweetbread (30 lbs each)

Public Cleansing.

Owing to evacuation of the civil population the amount of refuse for collection and disposal was considerably reduced. Refuse from Military Establishments and other Refuse is received at the disposal works. Salvage work has been intensified with satisfactory results.

A total 2224 tons of refuse was collected at a net cost of approximately £112 including depreciation and loan charges. Income from Trade Refuse was £10.

Collection is by rear loading mechanical vehicles. Disposal is by incineration and controlled tipping. 2221 tons were dealt with at a net cost of £250.

Income from the sale of Salvaged Material, clinker etc., was £450, Waste Paper, £434.

Port Sanitary Regulations.

No action was required during the year.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

The total number of births notified during the year was 158, of which 70 were notified by medical practitioners and 88 by midwives. There were 5 still births. There were 12 midwives on the register of whom 5 were employed by the District Nursing Association, but owing to evacuation, 8 left the District, leaving 2 private midwives and 2 of the District Nursing Associations, who were taken over by the Essex County Council. The District Nursing Association's midwives attended 108 of the cases or 66%.

Analysis of Midwifery and Maternity.

	Midwifery	Maternity	Total
1 Domiciliary			
(a) District Nursing Assoc.	60	19	79
(b) Independent Midwives	13	9	22
(c) Private Trained Nurses	-	3	3
(d) Untrained Women	-	1	1
2 Maternity Homes and Hospitals			
(a) Nursing Assn's Home	20	9	29
(b) Ellisdene Nursing Home	-	25	25
(c) Waltham Nursing Home	3	1	4
(d) Clacton & District Hosp.	-	-	-

Health Visiting.

The number of visits paid by the Health Visitor to children from birth to 5 years of age was 3,014. She also paid 22 visits as Infant Life Protection Visitor. At the end of the year there were no homes on the register and no boarded out children.

Orthopedics.

62 children received treatment for various conditions, making 110 attendances.

Ultra Violet Ray Treatment.

63 received treatment, making 1,181 attendances.

Dental Treatment.

There were 9 dental clinics with 68 attendances.

Eye Clinics.

There were 8, with 21 attendances.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

There were 204 expectant mothers on the register during the year and they made 373 attendances at the Doctor's clinics and 300 attendances at the Ante-Natal Classes.

Infant Clinics.

The attendances made by children under 5 years of age were 3,339.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

Food and Medicines.

Infant Foods, Oil and Salt, Vinyl etc., were sold at cost prices as in previous years. The total amount of fresh milk supplied free or at less than cost during the year 1940 was 10,741 pints which is a great advance on previous years. 123 lbs of dried milk were also supplied free.

Evacuated Mothers and Children.

During the early part of the year Clacton was a reception area and extra provision had to be made in two infant day schools of the town for the attendance of evacuee children who made 483 attendances. They also had the same facilities as Clacton children for the provision of milk etc.

I am,

Yours obedient servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.